

Chase County Commissioners Meeting
April 25, 2023

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Jacci Brown at 8:00am on April 25, 2023 in the meeting room at the Chase County Courthouse. Also in attendance were commissioners Duane Dinnel and Kurt Bernhardt, highway superintendent Toney Krajewski, and county clerk Wendy Moe. The meeting was advertised in the Imperial Republican. An agenda was kept current and available in the office of the county clerk and was posted to the county website the day before the meeting. The agenda and open meetings act are posted.

Bart Stromberger was present for open forum to inquire if there were plans to complete the shouldering on the blacktop going west from Champion. There are currently large dirt clods along the edge of the road, options to haul in dirt or millings to build up shoulders were discussed as well as what equipment might be necessary to complete the job. This will be taken care of as soon as possible.

Eric Gonzales and Bob Thomas were both present to discuss the Veteran's Memorial, specifically the sprinkler system around it. The memorial wall and statue have sustained damage from the sprinkler system due to the hard water. Eric and BT presented bills for damages that they would like to have paid out of the remainder of the original \$75,000 pledged for construction of the memorial by the county. The Veteran's Memorial Committee is looking into options for a soft water sprinkler system of their own around the memorial to prevent further damage. Board questioned whether the original funds were intended to cover ongoing maintenance or not. Board kept a copy of bills for damages. Eric and BT left the meeting.

At 8:30 discussion of boring for the Roller Compacted Concrete project on Road 734 west of Champion commenced with Bart and Ryan Stromberger present. Highway Superintendent Toney Krajewski thinks this is a viable product but unfortunately there are not many finished projects available for viewing or comparison. Bart questioned if we are at a point to go ahead with the boring to get more firm numbers in order to establish a cost for the project. Commissioners and Highway Superintendent agree that the knowledge from boring would be beneficial.

At 9:00 Duane Todd joined the meeting for discussion of the Veteran's Service provider's vision insurance. When VSO's position was changed to part time, the motion was made to pay an hourly wage with no benefits other than retirement. Duane's vision insurance was terminated, it was a payroll deduct at his expense. He is requesting that he be allowed vision insurance through payroll as it was previously offered. Jacci Brown moved to have the Veteran's Service Officer's vision insurance reinstated. Motion seconded by Kurt Bernhardt. Duane – yes; Jacci – yes; Kurt – yes. Motion carried.

Bob Mendenhall was present for hospital board appointment. Duane Dinnel moved to reappoint Bob Mendenhall to the Hospital Board of Trustee's. Motion seconded by Kurt Bernhardt. Duane – yes; Jacci – yes; Kurt – yes. Motion carried. Bob accepted the position, thanked the board and said it has been a pleasure serving for the past twenty plus years and he looks forward to another term.

Discussion returned to 734 road project, Kurt Bernhardt moved to approve boring to be done on three miles of road 734 from 318 avenue to 321 avenue by Atlas Technical with the County to pay two-thirds of the cost and Stromberger Farms to pay the remaining one-third of the cost for the boring. Motion seconded by Jacci Brown. Duane – yes; Jacci – yes; Kurt – yes. Motion carried.

Kurt Bernhardt moved to approve claims as submitted. Motion seconded by Jacci Brown. Duane – yes; Jacci – yes; Kurt – yes. Motion carried.

SE=service, CC=court cost, RP=repairs,
PT=parts, L=labor, UT=utility, AP=Appt. Counsel,
PS=Prior Service EQ=Equipment JD=Juv Div

AFLAC	PE	361.13
AFLAC	PE	17.75
AMERITAS LIFE INS.	PE	32.50
AMERITAS LIFE INS.	PE	8003.95
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	523.77
BCBS OF NEBRASKA	PE	25350.76
BRICO PEST CONTROL	SE	30.00
CARTER, KARON DENISE	SE	800.00
CHASE CO TREAS./CAFETERIA REIMB.	PE	133.33
CHASE CO COURT	CC	50.00
CHASE CO FAIR	SE	500.00

CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT ASSOC.		75.00
COACH MASTERS	PT	117.18
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	66.82
CRANMORE FIRE PROTECTION LLC	SE	200.00
DAN'S R US	SE	155.96
DAS STATE ACCTG	SE	156.32
DEBUSK, HALLEY	SE	45.32
DOLLAR GENERAL	SU	121.35
EAKES	SU	516.68
EFTPS	PE	14037.44
ELMSHAEUSER,STEVEN	AP	160.00
ESKEW, BILLY	SE	1373.40
EWM, LLC	SE	4250.00
FVFC	FUEL	4174.77
GALLS	SU	402.66
GROTZKY, R. LEIGH	SU	29.01
HILLS FAMILY FOODS	SU	58.32
IDEAL LINEN	SU	220.58
IMPERIAL COUNTRY FORD	PT	65.00
IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN	SE	566.76
CITY OF IMPERIAL	UT	1318.79
LINCOLN CO DETENTION CENTER	SE	3630.00
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	AP	4845.00
MCI (SHRF BILLS)	SE	78.28
MID-STATES ORGANIZED CRIME INFO	DUES	100.00
MIPS,INC.	SE	347.00
MYRTLE HEALTH, LLC	SE	50.00
NACO (REGS.)		125.00
NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	PE	320.00
NE CO ASSESSORS ASSO		60.00
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	1876.55
OPTUM BANK	PE	183.00
PANKONIN AG SERVICES INC.	SE	900.00
PHILLIPS 66 COMPANY	SE	65.32
PROTEX CENTRAL INC	SE	1687.50
RR DONNELLEY	SU	61.76
SCHOENHOLZ, HEATHER	SE	45.32
SMPC, LLC	SE	397.00
SWPPD	UT	163.16
US BANK CORP PMT	SE	1157.15
	Net Payroll	40971.62
	General Fund Total	120978.21
AFLAC	PE	110.18
AMERITAS LIFE INS.	PE	5.95
AMERITAS LIFE INS.	PE	989.15
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	806.88
CHASE CO TREAS./CAFETERIA REIMB.	PE	40.00
CRANMORE FIRE PROTECTION LLC	SE	1891.00
DAN'S R US	UT	56.45
EFTPS	PE	3040.34
FVFC	FUEL	8424.23
IMPERIAL BOBCAT SERVICES	SE	1440.00
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	UT	375.78
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	781.56
OVERHEAD DOOR SPECIALISTS	PT	482.70
SAPP BRO PETROLEUM INC	FUEL	4983.40
SINNERS	L	95.00

TITAN MACHINERY	SU	1457.30
	Net Payroll	17888.62
	Road Fund Total	42868.54
HICKMAN, NORMA J.	SE	300.00
	Tourism Fund Total	300.00
GREAT PLAINS COMM. INC	UT	386.52
	E911 Fund Total	386.52
ADVANCED AUTO	SU	39.14
AIRGAS USA, LLC	SU	1013.90
ARELLANO, ELIZABETH	SE	120.20
ARELLANO, JASON	SE	174.80
BITTNER,WILLIAM	SE	139.80
CRANMORE FIRE PROTECTION LLC	SE	81.00
FISCHER, CYNTHIA	SE	106.80
FVFC	FUEL	173.77
GREENE, AARON	SE	26.96
GREENE, TIMMIE	SE	805.72
HAYES, DEBRA	SE	250.60
HAYES, SABRINA	SE	27.24
HIYKEL, FAY	SE	14.20
HUBL, BROOKE	SE	54.20
HUNT, GARY	SE	177.20
JAEGER, SHAWN	SE	565.30
KELLEY, MARCIE	SE	14.20
KLEIN, TYLER	SE	92.00
KLEIN,LEANNE	SE	125.60
KLENTZ, MELISA	SE	56.00
KUNTZELMAN, ELDON	SE	291.44
LOEFFLER, DESIREE	SE	111.40
MARIS, JAYDEN	SE	26.80
MILLER, JOHN	SE	14.20
MILLER, ROXANE	SE	54.20
PRYOR, ALLISON	SE	135.00
RICHARDSON, RANAE	SE	69.40
VOGT, EMILY	SE	14.20
WAUNETA CROSSROADS	FUEL	61.13
WISNIESKI, RYAN	SE	86.20
	Ambulance Fund Total	4922.60
	Grand Total All Claims	169455.87

March minutes from the Fairboard and Imperial Community Center were reviewed as well as the annual Jail Standards Report. Quarterly reports for 2022 Q4 and 2023 Q1 from the Sheriff's Department were reviewed.

Ambulance Standby pay was discussed. No action taken. Duane Dinnel moved to table this matter. Motion seconded by Jacci Brown. Duane – yes; Jacci – yes; Kurt – yes. Motion carried. Agenda item tabled.

Surplus property forms were submitted by the assessor, Jacci Brown moved to transfer three filing cabinets from the Assessor's office to the Sheriff's Department. Motion seconded by Kurt Bernhardt. Duane – yes; Jacci – yes; Kurt – yes. Motion carried. Jacci Brown moved to surplus a coffee maker and that the item to be thrown in the trash. Motion seconded by Duane Dinnel. Duane – yes; Jacci – yes; Kurt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Dinnel has determined there is scrap metal that needs to be gotten rid of at all three shops. Duane Dinnel moved to advertise for bids for scrap metal. Motion seconded by Jacci Brown. Duane – yes; Jacci – yes; Kurt – yes. Motion carried. Duane will help Jeni put together an ad to run for bids.

Discussion of trees around courthouse as well as flowerbeds around front steps, no action taken about trees. Commissioner Bernhardt will contact school to see if FFA would be interested in helping with flowerbeds.

Supplemental Transit Agreement P12187-01 was presented by transit administrator Jeni Lotspeich, this agreement is for additional matching transit funds. Commissioners want more information before signing.

Commissioners had discussion of putting policy in place for shared vacation/sick time for employees. Jacci Brown moved to have the County Attorney draw up a policy for donated vacation/sick leave time. Motion seconded by Kurt Bernhardt. Duane – no; Jacci – yes; Kurt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioners want to put a Handbook Committee in place to review and update the county handbook as needed. Kurt Bernhardt moved that a handbook committee be created to consist of one commissioner, the sheriff and treasurer or a designee for each. Motion seconded by Jacci Brown. Duane – yes; Jacci – yes; Kurt – yes. Motion carried.

Assessor Tori Mueller joined the meeting to present the spec sheet to advertise for Mass Appraisal Service bids. Jacci moved to advertise for bids for Assessor's Mass Appraisal Service to be opened on May 23rd at 9:00am. Motion seconded by Kurt Bernhardt. Duane – yes; Jacci – yes; Kurt – yes. Motion carried.

Jacci Brown moved to table the Supplemental Transit Agreement agenda item. Motion seconded by Duane Dinnel. Duane – yes; Jacci – yes; Kurt – yes. Motion carried. Agenda item tabled.

With no further business to come before the board Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:20am.

CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/s/Duane Dinnel – Commissioner District #1

/s/Jacci L. Brown – Commissioner District #2

/s/Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST: /s/Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk